

THINGS YOU CAN DO
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . .

- **Have your car inspected** and maintained regularly to avoid leaks. Don't spill oil when changing it.
- **Use kitty litter** or other absorbent materials to clean spills and dispose of it properly.
- **Eliminate septic tanks** where possible and tie into the City's sewer system.
- **Take unwanted household hazardous wastes**, such as motor oil, auto batteries, chemicals and paint, to County centers for safe disposal.
- **Report illegal dumping** into storm drains and any catch basins to the Police Department at (714) 497-0701 or call 1-(800)-69-TOXIC.
- **Purchase less toxic, biodegradable gardening and household products.** Use vinegar and baking soda as substitutes.
- **Dispose of pet waste** in the trash. Pet wastes, containing harmful bacteria, can be washed into the ocean whenever you water or when it rains.
- Start your own compost program or place yard waste in your trash. **Do not sweep debris into the streets or catch basins.** Keep streets cleared on street sweeping days.
- **Recycle and reuse** everything you can.
- **Control erosion** at construction and landscape sites to prevent dirt and debris from entering storm drains.
- **Conserve water** and keep it out of the gutter. Take your car to a car wash that recycles its water. **Do not overwater your lawn or garden.** Use a broom, not water, to sweep driveways and sidewalks.
- **Never pour anything down a storm drain** that you wouldn't want to swim in.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

City of Laguna Beach

Hazardous Materials Emergencies -- 911

Spills of Contaminants/ Police Department
(714) 497-0701

For information on City streets, sewer system, storm drains: Municipal Services Department
(714) 497-0706

Recycling Information
(714) 497-0323

County of Orange

Household Hazardous Waste Hotline and information on collection center locations and requirements
(714) 834-6752

For information on agricultural chemicals, pesticides and possible alternatives:
O.C. Agriculture Commissioner
(714) 447-7100

Information on industrial hazardous waste and underground storage tanks: O.C. Health Care Agency
(714) 667-3700

Additional Information

On locations that accept used motor oil
1-(800)-553-2962 or 1-(800)-CLEAN-UP

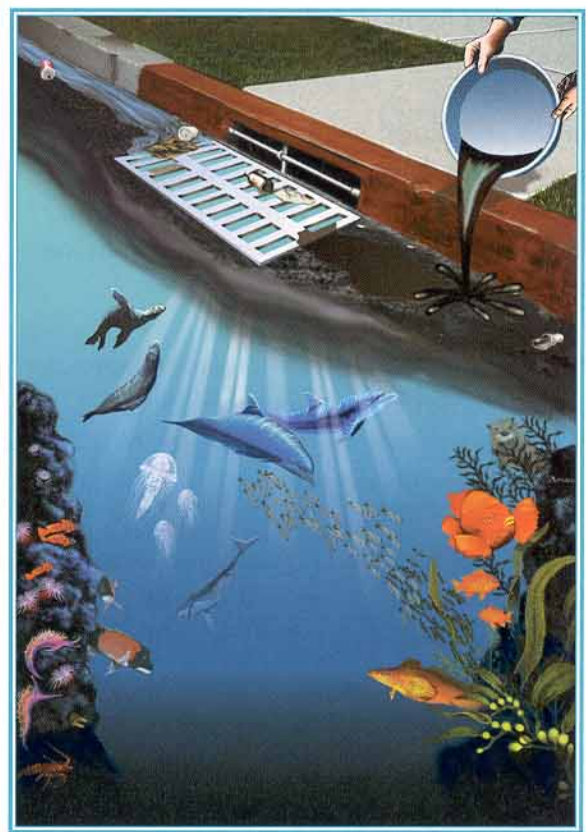
Waste Alert to report illegal, industrial dumping or for referral information on toxic substances
1-(800)-69-TOXIC



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The Ocean
Begins at Your
Front Door



Runoff from Aliso Creek and Laguna Canyon is a key source of pollution at our beaches.

Things you can do to reduce storm water pollution

FROM THE STREETS TO THE BEACH

Trash and household toxins dumped on the street go straight to the beaches. Unlike household sewer drains which lead to a sewage treatment plant, public storm drains and flood channels carry water, litter and toxic substances directly to the ocean.

Urban pollutants, such as **oil** and other **automotive fluids, paint, yard and pet wastes, construction debris, pesticides, fertilizers and cleaners** can wind up in the street.

A little water from rain or a garden hose can carry automotive and household toxic materials through the storm drains to the flood control channel and ocean.

Polluted urban runoff contaminates the ocean and beaches, harms aquatic life and increases the risk of flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.

You can help control water contamination by being aware of the sources and the activities that contribute to storm water pollution.

This pamphlet provides information on the Laguna Canyon Flood Control Channel, Aliso Creek and tips on reducing pollution of storm water.



The Laguna Canyon
Flood Control
Channel and Aliso

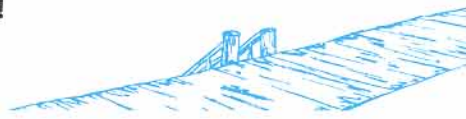
Creek collect water from
23,900 acres of watershed
area and transport this runoff directly to the Pacific
Ocean at Main Beach and at Aliso Beach.

These natural waterways and the connecting storm
drain system are designed to prevent flooding by
carrying excess rainwater from city streets to the ocean.

Unfortunately, **whatever enters these channels
and storm drains ends up in the ocean.**

For this reason, storm water and urban runoff have
become a focus of environmental and legislative
action. Your assistance will ensure we protect our
resources.

We must work together to keep Laguna Beach
**clean and
pollution free!**



HANDLING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



Residents can dispose of household hazardous wastes at County Collection Centers located at 6411 Oak Canyon Road in Irvine or at the Prima Deshecha Landfill off Ortega Highway and La Pata in San Juan Capistrano.

The centers are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and are closed on rainy days and major holidays. There is no charge for residents to deposit household waste up to a maximum of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per visit. The County centers do not accept hazardous waste from businesses, schools, government agencies, churches and non-profit organizations.

To reach the **Irvine** center from Laguna, take 133 to I-5 north, exit Sand Canyon and go west to Oak Canyon and turn right. To reach the center located in **San Juan Capistrano**, take I-5 south, exit Ortega Highway (SR74) and go east 2½ miles to La Pata and turn right. The center is two miles down La Pata next to the landfill.

Also, Laguna Pete's Automotive, located at 890 South Coast Highway, accepts used motor oil free of charge! The Chevron station at South Coast Highway and Legion accepts used motor oil for a nominal charge.